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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 12th February 1958.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Procurement of rice

* 8 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to procure one lakh tons of rice within the State;

(*b*) if so, whether the procurement will be made on behalf of the Government of India or the Government of Madras; and

(*c*) the price at which and the machinery through which procurement will be made?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) In view of the answer to clause (*a*) above, these questions do not arise.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know, Sir, whether there was any proposal to purchase rice in the open market?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There was a proposal, Sir, to purchase from the Tanjore district 25,000 tons of rice in order to return the loan taken from the Government of India in the matter of supplies to Fair Price Shops. That was the purpose of the proposed procurement. Now, the Government do not propose to pursue the proposal.

Travellers' bungalows and rest-houses in the State

* 9 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the question of introduction of a uniform nomenclature for Travellers' Bungalows, Rest-Houses, etc., in the State and, if so, when the change will be introduced?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance) : The question is under consideration of the Government. The change will be introduced as early as possible.

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, is it the idea to consult other States as well and make these changes on a country-wide basis?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There has been that idea too, Sir.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Has there been any proposal to this effect from the Tourist Wing of the Central Ministry and do Government propose to consider the suggestion in the light of the Government of India's move in the matter from the tourist angle?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This idea arose from the remarks of the Estimates Committee of the Parliament (Lok Sabha) with reference to different names found in different places of the country, as Travellers' Bungalow, Dawk Bungalow, etc. Then this was also considered by the Tourists' Committee. Now there are Rest-Houses which have been endowed in the name of particular charities. The question is whether and how they should be changed so as to secure uniformity in the name of these Rest-Houses.

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY : Are not both the names found in the same place? For example, in Gudiyatham I found the place was called both a Travellers' Bungalow and also a Rest-House.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Of course. That is exactly the reason why the Government are considering whether there could not be uniformity in the name of these places.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the discrimination made even in the matter of occupying these Rest-Houses? For example, some suites in the Rest-House at Cape Comorin are purely reserved for Ministers and V.I.Ps, and others are not allowed to stay there.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no Rest-House which is reserved purely for Ministers, etc. But even under the present proposal, there is this idea, namely, that these Rest-Houses might be classified into three categories.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Is there any proposal to reserve any of these bungalows exclusively for tourists and have the Government of India come forward to help the State Governments in earmarking some of these bungalows for such purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : These Rest-Houses generally serve the purpose of the tourists also and there is no need to reserve them exclusively for tourists. However, if any difficulty is experienced in actual working, Government would consider that question.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Home has not understood my question. What I say is this. In the Rest-House at Cape Comorin which this Government have got from the former Travancore-Cochin State, there are two suites entirely reserved for Ministers and high personages. Does the Hon. Minister know that?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have already stated that there is no Rest-House exclusively for Ministers as such. As I have told the House, the Rest-Houses are classified into two or three categories as I, II and III categories. Perhaps, the Rest-House at Cape Comorin which is referred to comes under class I.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Am I to understand that in category I bungalows, Ministers alone can stay and others cannot?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is not so, Sir. Those who occupy the different bungalows will have to pay the requisite rent.

Recommendations of the Narayanaswamy Pillai Committee on Co-operation

* 10 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of the recommendations of the Narayanaswamy Pillai Committee on Co-operation with a statement of the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A copy of the Report of the Narayanaswamy Pillai Committee on Co-operation containing a list of the recommendations has already been supplied to the Members of the Legislature by the Controller of Stationery and Printing, at the instance of the Government.

The recommendations are under examination.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : May I know the reason why this Report which was handed over to the Government in April 1956, with specific recommendations as regards the changes to be made in the Act, is still under consideration and why nothing has been done?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the recommendations of the Narayanaswamy Pillai Committee extend up to 335 in number and the Report consists of 20 chapters. The Government have been carrying on examination of each one of the chapters and arriving at decisions. Naturally, it takes some time to cover the 335 recommendations.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Are the Government aware of the present bottlenecks in the co-operative administration, namely, delay in the registration of societies to which even our Prime Minister made a reference some time ago, delay in drawing loans from Co-operative Banks, etc., and what are the immediate steps that the Government are taking to smoothen and quicken the pace of departmental working?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : So far as delay in registration is concerned, executive instructions will be issued to expedite it and if any specific instance of delay is brought to my notice, I would always find out the cause and see that registration